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**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**FILE NUMBER: 100-106670**

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ReATAirtel 11/5/64, copies to New York, above caption as well as concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.

On page two of the letterhead memorandum it is reported that Bayard Rustin told King that he wanted to bring one Robert Gilmore (phonetic) with him at the Thursday meeting in New York City. When King agreed to this, Rustin advised that he would tell Harry Wachtel that it was agreed that Gilmore could come. The meeting in question apparently refers to that of King's advisors or sometimes referred to as the "research committee."

Bufiles contain a reference to one Robert Gilmore who was reportedly born 12/10/22, Proctor, Vermont, and who was the Secretary of the New York office of the American Friends Service Committee as of 6/61. This individual is possibly identical to the Robert Gilmore who is subject of New York file 105-8921.

New York should make effort to fully identify the Robert Gilmore who may be becoming a part of the advisor group to King and should his name again come up as a participant in any of the group's meetings, he should be appropriately characterized if adverse information concerning him is available.

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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[Redacted]

West Manchester, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of September 24th has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am not able to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- One Nation's Response to Communism
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West Amherster, Ohio

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September 24, 1964

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Perhaps I am asking for information which is not permissible to be dispensed to an ordinary citizen. However, I have been greatly disturbed by some impressions being passed around among some members of the church named above of which I am the pastor.

In a recent meeting at which a guest speaker spoke to our young married people's class on the subject of "Communism", the speaker sought to implicate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as being connected with the Communist party in America. While he did not say that he was a Communist, he did say that he has had connections with Communist-front organizations.

Having heard Dr. King speak personally and having read his book on the Birmingham bus boycott, I find it extremely hard to believe that he has any such Communist connections. I have always considered Dr. King a foremost United States citizen. If he has no such connections it is not right that he should be so classed and have such suspicion cast upon him, and any such rumors should be ended.

If I am not asking for information that cannot be dispensed, I was wondering if you could send me a statement to Dr. King's standing as viewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in regard to any Communist connections. If this information cannot be dispensed, I will understand.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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[Redacted]

Ventura, California

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of September 23rd, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files preclude my commenting as you suggested. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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*V. Curran*

*DM*

*[Handwritten initials]*

Sept. 23, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed, please find copy of picture showing Martin Luther King at meeting described in picture. Kindly notify if the information is correct, and whether or not the school pictured has been declared subversive.

Thank you,

b7(c)



Ventura, Calif.

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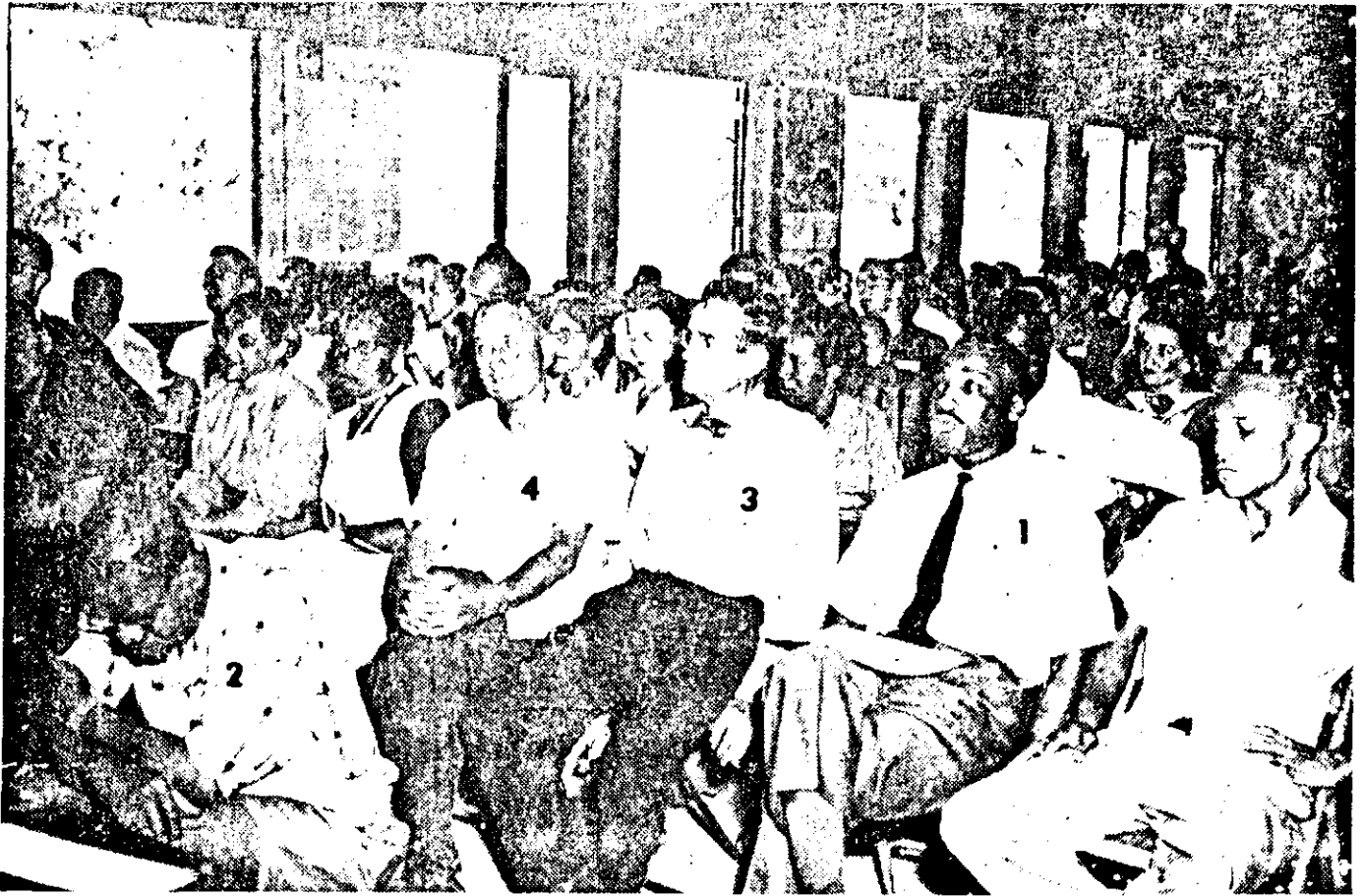
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# MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



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Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
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[Redacted]

West Collingswood, New Jersey b7(c)

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 26th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[Redacted] b7(c)  
W. Collingswood, N. J.  
Sept. 26, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover,

This morning I received the enclosed article in the mail. Martin Luther King has been operating under the guise of religion.

According to this article he is either a full-fledged Communist or sympathizer. I have been told Roy Wilkins, and others who speak for the Negroes are Communists.

You are the one man in this country that we rely on. We know you have the facts and tell the truth.

Before election on Nov. 3. I would like to know whether King, Wilkins, etc. are Communists because the answer is going to influence my vote.

Very truly Yours,

[Redacted signature] b7(c)

P.S. From the recent decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court favoring Communists, I feel a thorough investigation is in order. What security do loyal citizens have when avowed traitors are favored?

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[Redacted address block]

Illinois 60302

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of September 25th has been received.

In connection with your inquiry, I must point out that information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available only for official use, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I know you will understand my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Letter was received in 1961 from an individual in Rensselaer, Indiana, inquiring about the loyalty of [Redacted] of the [Redacted] Church there. [Redacted] was not identifiable in Bufiles at that time.

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ILLINOIS 60302

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September 25, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have a lady in my church who believes that Martin Luther King is a communist. I know that she will abide by what you say- and so will I. Do you have any facts either way? Would you please let me know as she is causing a lot of trouble.

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Pastor

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-106670) DATE: 9/29/64  
FROM : Legat, Rome (100-0-915)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Bureau routing slip dated 9/1/64 and Romelet dated 9/21/64.

Set out below is the translation of an article which appeared in the newspaper "L'Unita," issue of 9/22/64, an Italian language newspaper published in Rome, Italy.

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LUTHER KING:  
The Pope is Friend of the Negroes.

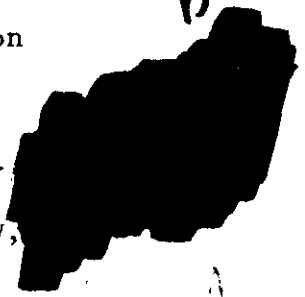
The Reverend Martin Luther King, presently in London for the launching of his last book dedicated to the racial problem entitled "Why We Cannot Wait," declared today that Great Britain also would have racial difficulties if the people do not exercise constant vigilance.

Recalling his recent audience with the Pope, King said that Pope Paul VI has never hidden his friendship for the Negroes. This meeting, added King, left him with the impression that, according to the Catholic Church, segregation is morally condemnable.

Concerning the United States, where he returns tomorrow, the Reverend King has declared that, after the approval of the civil rights law, the situation has considerably improved in the Southern States. The day is not far away, he concluded, when the barriers of segregation in the Southern States will collapse completely.

King said further that a victory by Senator Goldwater in the Presidential election would in America signify "one great and dark night of social destruction." Such a victory, he added, would signify an attempt to set back the clock of history.

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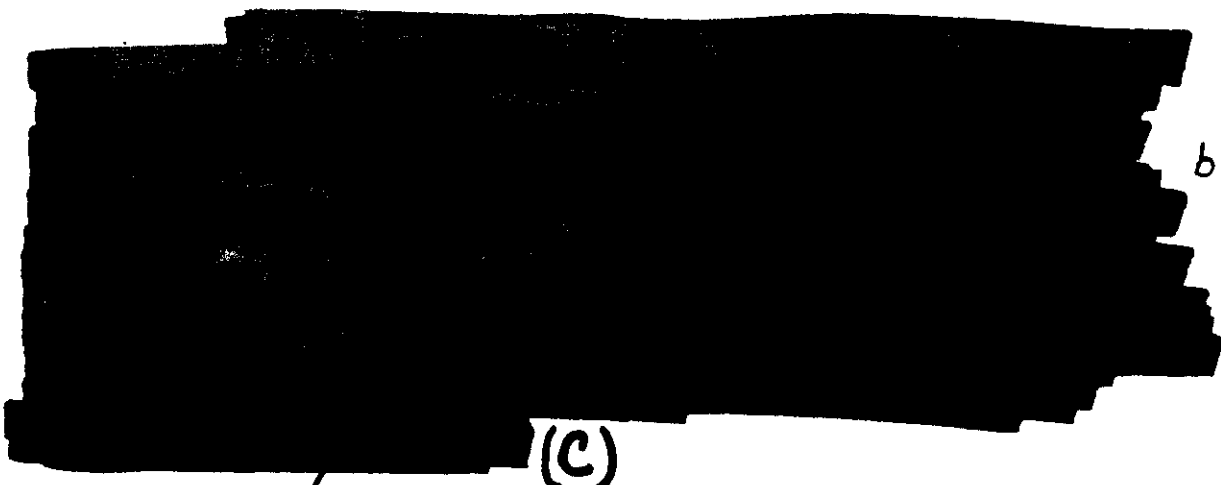
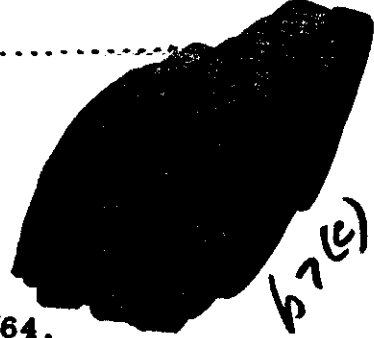
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Subject: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *SAC* SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-46230)

SUBJECT: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING;  
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DATE: 9/28/64

For the information of the Bureau and Atlanta, the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin," a daily newspaper, on 9/20/64 carried a story to the effect that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING would be speaking in Philadelphia before the Greater Philadelphia Citizens Committee, 10/7/64 at 8 p.m. at Convention Hall. Topic of the meeting will be Law and Order with Dr. KING making the principal address.

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Largo, Florida

b7(c)

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Inasmuch as your communication is of interest to another governmental agency, I am referring a copy of it to The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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## Martin Luther King Talks With Berliners

The Rev. Martin Luther King, U.S. civil rights leader on tour in Germany, talks with members of a Berlin family whose apartment building was struck by Communist gunfire early yesterday. The border guards were firing at an escaping refugee. A woman in the house was wounded by glass

splinters when Communist bullets pierced a window pane. Story, Page 1-A. Dr. King was admitted into East Berlin without a passport last night. King had forgotten the passport but an East German border guard recognized him and allowed him to pass. King addressed overflow audiences in two churches.

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TO :

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FROM :

Legat, Rome (100-0-915)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Bureau routing slip dated 9/1/64.

Attached for the information of the Bureau are two articles regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which appeared in the 9/18/64 and 9/19/64 issues of the "Rome Daily American," a daily English language newspaper in Rome, Italy.

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KING AT ST. PETER'S with aide Ralph Abernathy

## Rev. King Has High Hopes Pope Will Aid Negro Cause

By KEN WLASCHIN  
(Staff Writer)

ROME, Sept. 18—The Rev. Martin Luther King, one of the outstanding Negro leaders in the U.S. civil rights struggle, has high hopes that his private interview with Pope Paul VI Friday will lead to a re-emphasized stand by the Roman Catholic Church against racism.

King, in an exclusive interview at his Rome hotel, stated that he did

not have a specific agenda for his papal interview other than explaining the status of the racial situation in the U.S. today but that he hoped they would be able to discuss it fully in relation to the Catholic Church.

"Of course, I hope that the Pope will see fit to release a statement about our talk," he explained cautiously. "The Roman Catholic Church has already let its opposition to racism be known and it has been of great help to us in our work. But I think if every individual Catholic was made aware of the Church's stand by the Pope, it would be of great assistance to the civil rights movement in the future."

King, in Europe at the invitation of West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt to open the West Berlin Arts Festival, came to Rome specifically to see the Pope after being told he

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## Rev. King

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could have an interview.

He will leave this weekend for London where his most recent book will be published next week. While there he will make both public and TV appearances.

King, who has made a lifelong policy never to engage in politics, stated that he may soon change his mind and endorse President Lyndon in the coming presidential elections.

"In a way I already have," he explained, "for I have felt it necessary to speak out against Sen. Goldwater. As I have said before and will say again, his election would be a terrific setback for the American Negro, indeed for all of America's poor. He voted against the Civil Rights Bill and he voted against the poverty bill.

"If he were elected the restless, poorer section of the Negro population would despair. Their life would be like a long, narrow corridor without exits or signposts. There would undoubtedly be more violence, more riots.

"I don't say this to condone them. I absolutely condemn violence whether it is caused by Negroes in the North or racists in the South. Violence, as I see it, is both impractical and immoral. But as a social analyst, I would say that Sen. Goldwater's election would surely bring on new outbreaks of violence."

The 35-year-old Baptist minister then broke into a smile.

"But I don't think he will be elected," he said.

Queried about what action the civil rights leaders planned after the November elections (they have declared a "truce" during the pre-election period), King explained that plans were still not definite.

"We may decide to concentrate on some of the most difficult areas in the South where the Civil Rights Bill is not being enforced or we may work on the wider front of voter registration."

"In some ways, the North's even a bigger problem than the South and undoubtedly demonstrations there will continue. It just points up the fact that problems exist. Harlem, for example, will continue to be a problem until it disappears — as a ghetto that is. But the breaking up of Harlem will call for a massive outlay of money, far more than is being spent presently."

King sympathized with the New York parents who have objected to having their children transported across town by bus in an effort to desegregate schools.

"But as the situation exists at the moment, the bus movement is the only solution possible. I think that New York parents must accept it with good will as a temporary measure and cooperate until the real causes can be rooted out. And that will take time."

The Negro leader stressed that he thought real progress was being made now in the U.S. "In fact the progress is faster than we thought it would be. Even Georgia now has two Negro state senators and there are Negroes in positions of political power all over the U.S. I am sure that there will be a Negro in the Presidential Cabinet within four years and I think it highly likely that a Negro could be elected president in another generation, say 25 years.

"There are many Negroes now with the qualifications," he explained, "and if the tide of racial prejudice continues to recede at the present rate, there would be no reason why a Negro could not be elected."

King, who has never had any desire to go into politics, politely refused to even think about his ever running for the office.

"My hope is that the American racial situation will become such that I can return full time to my first and still my intended work, that of being pastor of a church."

King is presently co-pastor of a church in Atlanta but his work with the civil rights movement leaves him with time for "preaching but not pastoral duties."

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# Pope Gives King 'Strong Endorsement'

ROME, Sept. 19 (UPI) — Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Friday became the first U.S. Negro civil rights leader to meet with Pope Paul VI who he called "a friend of the Negro and of the cause of civil rights."

The American Negro talked with the Pope for 25 minutes about peaceful, non-violent means for advancing his cause and came away saying, "we have a strong endorsement from certainly the foremost leader in the world of Christendom."

King said in an airport press conference before flying to Madrid that the Pope promised he would make a public declaration supporting non-violent means for advancing the cause of the Negro and of civil rights. The Pope did not say when he would make it, however.

The Pontiff also asked King for some of his writings, and the American Negro pastor said he would send the Pope his two books, "Strength To Love," and "Why We Can't Wait."

King was in high spirits after the historic gathering. Earlier in St. Peter's Square talking to journalists he showed them a silver medal of the Ecumenical Council that the Pope had given him and quoted the Pontiff as saying, "I am a friend of the Negro people."

King said that the Pope stated himself clearly in favor of the method of non-violent action — citing his great admiration for the late Indian leader Gandhi — and

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added that the Negroes must obtain their rights

"At this point I exclaimed 'I am also for non-violence,'" King said. "The Pope told me he knew it and that he admired my conduct and hoped that through this method the Negroes would acquire not only the recognition of their rights, but also the honor that must be shown to all civil persons and persons of good will."

King joked

"I can assure you this, there are new days ahead when the Pope meets with a fellow with the name of Martin Luther."

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# Dr. King Sees Pope, Gets Pledge of Aid

spent nearly a half-hour with Dr. King was significant in itself. Private papal audiences are rare and often last barely 10 minutes.

*By The Associated Press*  
**VATICAN CITY.**  
 Dr. Martin Luther King talked with Pope Paul VI for 25 minutes yesterday and said later the Pontiff "told me he would make a personal and public declaration against racial segregation." Dr. King added that the Pope "did not say and when it would be."  
 The American civil rights leader, in an interview after the audience, called his meeting with the Pope and the

Pontiff's words "profound encouragement for all Christians in the world, and particularly in the United States, who are involved in the civil rights struggle with us."  
 Dr. King, 35, a Baptist minister, and the spiritual leader of the world's 550 million Roman Catholics, conferred in the papal apartment in the Apostolic Palace.  
 The Vatican did not issue a statement afterward. But the fact that the Pope granted the private audience and

*I am amazed that the Pope gave an audience to such a sinner.*

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR.  
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Atlanta file 100-2162

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR.

The 1964 Year Book of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, shows that MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., is a member of the Executive Board of SCLC. u

KING was born December 19, 1899, in Henry County, Georgia. He is married to ALBERTA W. KING and they presently reside at 2873 Dale Creek Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. KING is currently pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where he has served since 1943. u

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The "New York Times" newspaper dated May 20, 1956, page 40, column 1, described EARL BROWDER as having become Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, in 1930 and General Secretary in 1934. BROWDER was ousted as Chairman of Communist Political Association in 1945 and was expelled by the Communist Party in February, 1946, according to the article. u

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[REDACTED] to his knowledge MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. was not a member of the Communist Party but believed KING, SR. would cooperate with the Communist Party for the betterment of the Negro race. There was no information available regarding activities on the part of KING which would verify information from VERNA SCOTT that KING, SR. was a member of the Communist Party.

(C) [REDACTED] said that MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. was reportedly sympathetic to the Southern Negro Youth Conference. b(1)

The Southern Negro Youth Conference is an organization which was designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

KING, SR. attended a Southern Conference Educational Fund conference in Atlanta, Georgia, according to the January, 1955, issue of "The Southern Patriot" u

A characterization of the Southern Conference Educational Fund is attached hereto. u

(C) [REDACTED] made available names and addresses of persons to whom Southern Conference Educational Fund literature was mailed. Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, 93 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, appeared among these names and addresses. b(1)

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"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947. u

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947. u

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946. u

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 27, 1963, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On May 27, 1963, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

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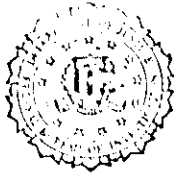
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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a source who has furnished highly sensitive information with regard to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order to prevent the source from being jeopardized. U

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 25, 1964, that Bayard Rustin (the organizer of the March on Washington, August, 1963) was in contact on that date with an unidentified woman. According to the source, they discussed a youth conference which was recently held in Washington, D.C. Rustin said the conference went off very well. ~~X~~

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Rustin told the woman that he also had a meeting at the A. Philip Randolph Institute (A. Philip Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO). In that regard, he said he spoke with two men from the office of George Meany (President, AFL-CIO), who were very interested in the A. Philip Randolph Institute (Washington, D.C.). In view of Meany's interest, and the fact that he (Meany) was prepared to say that the AFL-CIO was willing to give \$10,000, many other unions would fall into line, Rustin said. ~~X~~

Continuing, Rustin said "they" wanted him to proceed vigorously to try to get the tax exemption (for the A. Philip Randolph Institute) because "they" said at the "present time" ~~X~~

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Rustin was very high on both President Johnson's and Humphrey's list as a result of his work at Atlantic City, (during the National Democratic Convention). In view of that, Rustin said, he spoke to Joseph Rauh (Vice President of the Americans for Democratic Action, ADA, and General Counsel to the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO), who said he was prepared to push the tax exemption through the Department of Justice. X

The same confidential source advised on September 25, 1964, that Bayard Rustin was in contact with Martin Luther King, Jr. (President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC), on that date. Among the matters considered was a speaking engagement to which King is committed for Sunday, November 11, 1964, in Newark, New Jersey. In that regard, King said Don Newcombe (ex-major league baseball player) had contacted him about the engagement. He said he did not desire that his speech at the affair be a major speech because he had to speak in Brooklyn, New York, on the same date. X

Rustin told King of a request he had received from Leon Davis (President, Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, RWDSU, AFL-CIO), that King also speak in Newark on the same day. This speech, Rustin said, would be in behalf of hospital workers in Newark who Rustin said were having a hard time with an organizing drive. X

Rustin said that in addition to King's speech, that he (Rustin), A. Philip Randolph and others would be speaking as well. X

According to the source, King got an assurance from Rustin that he would not be speaking before a political gathering, but the affair would be concerned solely with the Negro struggle. Rustin promised to furnish King with additional details when he "arrived down there next week" (to attend the SCLC conference in Savannah, beginning on September 29, 1964). X

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On September 26, 1964, the same source advised that Rustin was in contact with an unidentified woman on that date. Rustin related that he had recently talked with Dr. Logan (Dr. Arthur Logan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Haryou-Act), who informed him that he (Rustin) was being considered for an appointment to the Board of Directors of Haryou-Act. X

It should be noted that Haryou-Act is a combination of Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited and Associated Community Teams, whose purpose is to fight juvenile delinquency in Harlem.

The same source advised on September 27, 1964, that Bayard Rustin was in contact with an unidentified male on that date. Rustin said he was leaving New York City, on Tuesday, September 29, 1964, and would be gone for four days. But before he leaves the city, Rustin said he would write a statement endorsing Johnson (President Lyndon B. Johnson), which King would use under his own name. X

Rustin then talked about the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and in this regard, listed the names of the following, who he said would be advisors: Roy Wilkins (Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP); Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the SCLC); Whitney Young (Executive Secretary, National Urban League), as well as others. Rustin said it was very important that the public see <sup>that</sup> these civil rights leaders were aligned with the Institute. X

In continuing his concern for the Institute, Rustin said he was going to open an office in Harlem to handle the affairs of the Institute. He said the office would be opened in his name, not in the name of the Institute. X

During their contact, Rustin told of his recent appearance before a youth conference in Washington, D.C. He said he had learned in that regard that he had made a very favorable impression on representatives of the Labor Department. (apparently referring to representatives attending the conference). X

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates.

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and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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On August 4, 1948, Davis testified before the House of Representatives, Special Subcommittee of the Committee on Education and Labor at Washington, D.C. At that time, Davis refused to answer when asked if he was then or ever had been a member of the Communist Party. In his testimony, he stated that the Communist Party was helpful to the labor movement in the United States.

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Re Atlanta airtel to Director dated July 16, 1964.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are newspaper clippings taken from the "Christian Science Monitor" at Boston, Mass., in its issue of September 11, 1964, and from "The Boston Globe", Boston, Mass., in its issue of September 12, 1964, concerning captioned matter.

These are being submitted for the Bureau's information in connection with captioned matter.

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# Barry's Defeat Necessary--Dr. King

By MARY MEIER

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, pledged Friday an all-out fight to defeat Sen. Barry M. Goldwater's bid for the presidency.

The calmly spoken civil rights leader told a press conference at Boston University that "It is necessary to oppose Goldwater and do all we can to defeat him.

"Sen. Goldwater is not a racist, but his philosophy gives aid and succor to racists."

He described the Republican nominee's "18th century" outlook as "narrow, nationalistic and "trigger-happy" and as "a threat to the security and morality of this nation."

This is, he noted, the first election in which he has made a political endorsement, but he said he was impelled by the "nuclear annihilation" threatened by Goldwater and the senator's inability to "deal with the magnitude of poverty in the United States."

"Negroes will vote for the Johnson-Humphrey ticket with enthusiasm," Dr. King said.

The 36-year-old Baptist minister who launched the first large civil-rights protest—the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott in 1955, the same year in which he received his Ph.D. in theology from Boston University—was in town to present his personal papers and book manuscripts to the university's \$5.5 million central library, to be built next year.

Accompanied by his attractive wife and a friend who has often been jailed with him as a demonstrator, Rev. Ralph Abernathy of Atlanta, Dr. King made the Boston visit a one-day stop-over en route to West Berlin, where he will deliver a keynote address for the opening of the city's 1964 arts festival dedicated to President Kennedy.

Sunday evening he will preach from the pulpit of East Berlin's Protestant cathedral.

Contained in 15 packing boxes, Dr. King's collection contains personal correspond-

ence with leaders like the late President Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, who wrote him deploring the treatment which Dr. King received from police in Montgomery.

There are also letters of vilification and threats to his life, notes of lectures and speeches, press interviews, records of incoming and outgoing telephone calls and memorabilia.

The curator of the collection, Dr. Howard B. Gottlieb, said its most striking features are the careful studies of racial conditions in Southern cities and plans of active integration. There is also a documented section on police brutality and some moving letters from Medgar Evers, Negro leader who was killed in his yard.

King declined to comment specifically on racial conditions in Boston, where he lived for three years as a graduate student, saying his schedule precluded a meeting with local civil rights leaders.

He commented only, "I'm sure Boston Negroes face the same problems that exist across the country — ghetto housing, de facto school segregation, low employment levels and poverty."

Condemning Negro riots in the North as much as white Southern violence and lawlessness, Dr. King said peaceful demonstrations will resume after the election.

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# Dr. King's Years At BU Recalled

By Richard Neff

Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who "never talked much about civil rights as a student," returns to Boston University today to present his personal papers to the library of his alma mater.

The noted Negro leader, who received his doctorate in sacred theology from the university in 1955, "was just not active in student affairs," recalls a professor who knew him intimately at BU.

"He had obvious strength and stature," says Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, professor of sacred theology. "His friends knew that one day he would be involved in the civil-rights cause. But as a student he seemed determined to get the finest training possible, as part of a total background for what he would be called on to do later."

Dr. DeWolf was Dr. King's major adviser, helping him plan a course of study, select a subject for his doctoral dissertation, and critically evaluating his work from week to week.

### Project Coordinated

Dr. DeWolf proposed that Dr. King's papers be presented to the university, and coordinated the project of bringing them here from Atlanta, where Dr. King is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"I went to Atlanta and sorted the papers for shipping," Dr. DeWolf notes, adding with a smile, "there are 15 cases each the size of a file drawer."

The collection, which will be housed in BU's projected \$5,500,000 Central Library on the Charles River campus, includes letters from presidents of the United States and other American political leaders, prominent figures in the world of arts and literature, and civil-rights workers; manuscripts of speeches and articles; and many jotted notes and photographs.

### Speech Cited

Dr. DeWolf points out that one jotted note includes the phrase "God's dream for man." This may have been the germ of Dr. King's later, now-famous speech entitled "I Have a Dream" given at the March on Washington in August, 1963.

Boston University has a "cumulative tradition" in the field of civil rights and social action, Dr. DeWolf points out. Both faculty and students have made large contributions to these fields.

In addition to Dr. King, another BU student who has gained national civil-rights prominence is James R. Forman, executive secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNICK). Mr. Forman did graduate work in 1957-58 under a grant in the African Studies Program.

### Thesis Published

Dr. Eric Lincoln, a Negro Ph.D. graduate in 1960, has become well-known for the publication of his thesis on "The Black Muslims in the United States."

Other BU graduates have joined civil-rights battles on state and local levels. An example is the Rev. R. Edwin King, a white Mississippian who received his bachelor's degree in sacred theology from BU and recently helped lead the effort by the Freedom Democratic Party to gain seating at the recent Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City.

During racial tension and rioting in St. Augustine, Fla., last June, Dr. DeWolf and several other BU faculty members went to the scene and, according to Dr. DeWolf, helped re-establish the communication between white and Negro communities that eventually led to a racial truce in the historic city.

### 'Rights' Seedbed

Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, who retired last year as a professor at the BU School of Theology, continues as president of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund of the Na-

tional Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

And so the Rev. Dr. King returns today to Boston University's "seedbed of civil-rights."

He has noted in his book "Stride Toward Freedom" that Professor Chalmers and Dean Walter Muelder of the School of Theology influenced his growing concept of nonviolence.

"Both Muelder and Chalmers," said Dr. King, "had a passion for social justice that stemmed not from a superficial optimism, but from a deep faith in the possibilities of human beings when they allowed themselves to become co-workers with God.

"It was at Boston University that I came to see that [the philosopher Reinhold] Niebuhr had overemphasized the corruption of human nature. His pessimism concerning human nature was not balanced by an optimism concerning divine nature."



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**The Rev. Dr. King**  
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The "Los Angeles Times", a large daily metropolitan newspaper, on 9/22/64, published an article which disclosed that the luncheon honoring Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Negro civil rights leader, scheduled to be held on Friday, 9/25/64, (in the Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles) was postponed indefinitely on Monday (9/21/64) because of Dr. KING's inability to be in Los Angeles at that time. The article continued that the affair was to have been under the sponsorship of the Democratic State Central Committee.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished to the Atlanta Division for information.

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The "Los Angeles Times," a large daily metropolitan newspaper, on 9/20/64 (Final Edition) published an article which revealed that MARTIN LUTHER KING would speak on behalf of the JOHNSON-HUMPHREY Democratic ticket, Friday, 9/25/64, in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. Dr. KING, who was described as the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will address the luncheon meeting which is under the sponsorship of the Democratic State Central Committee, according to the article. The article continued that plans for his appearance became known when Party members received invitations to the \$5.00 a plate affair from Mrs. CARMEN H. WARSCHAW, Southern California Democratic Chairman.

The foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for information and no action concerning his visit contemplated by the Los Angeles Division UACB.

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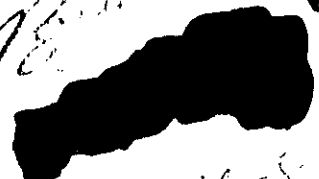
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**Dr. King, Pope To Talk on Race**

ATLANTA, Sept. 16 (AP) — The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., now in Europe, announced through his office today that he hopes to lay the racial situation in the United States before Pope Paul VI.

The civil rights leader and Negro spokesman disclosed that he had been granted an audience with the Pope on Friday.

A statement to the effect was issued from the headquarters in Atlanta of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which Dr. King heads.

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Indian Springs, Nevada

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of September 8th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of my Testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on January 29, 1964. On page 40 you will find my remarks with regard to communist interest in Negro activities.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It has been revealed to me several times from literary sources and every day conversation that many of the civil rights demonstrations are in great part a result of a communistic stimulus. I have also come across many articles which have indicated that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King is in some way connected with communism in America, along with many other civil rights leaders.

If this is true, you would honor me greatly by confirming this and perhaps rendering a brief dissertation on Dr. King's communist associations. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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September 18, 1964

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[Redacted]  
Palmer, Nebraska

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of September 14th, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to be of assistance and trust you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to any aspects of your inquiry.

The FBI does not have for you a list of known communists. I am enclosing a list which I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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- NOTICE: This respondent is not identifiable to the public. Heard that he is currently in the subject of a Security-C in connection on Reserve Indian Police of WIS. He is former member of the Young Communist League.
- Key to Freedom
- Faith in Freedom
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- Do You Really Understand Communism
- What Young People Should Know About Communism

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September 14, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

As an Anti-Communist American citizen, I would very much like information on an article sent me, taken from the Augusta Courier of Aug. 31, 1964. This article lists several names as those of Communists or belonging to Communist fronts. Would you please check the individuals whom the F. B. I. have found to be Communists?

O Also, is Bayard Rustin, assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, listed as a Communist?

And, finally, do you have lists of known Communists available for public use? I would very much like such a list for my own use in working against Communism. Thank you very much.

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Palmer, Nebraska

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *JS*

DATE: 9-8-64

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *JS*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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*Malone*  
*Bureau*  
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you in this matter dated August 31, 1964, in which the Director approved the recommendation to have Assistant Director Malone orally brief *[redacted]* concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.'s communist connections and *[redacted]* to avoid the possibility of having the Pope grant an audience to King in connection with his proposed visit to Rome later this month.

Malone was briefed in this matter and told to stress two things in his contact with *[redacted]*, the first being that he should stress of course the confidential nature of our briefing so that the Bureau would not be drawn into the picture, and, secondly, to ascertain if *[redacted]* could take the necessary action so that if he could not, we could take appropriate steps through other channels.

Malone called today and stated that he had discussed the situation with *[redacted]* over the weekend and he said that *[redacted]* took instant steps to advise the Vatican against granting any audience to King. He stated that *[redacted]* assured him that he would respect the confidential nature of the information and added that *[redacted]* was most pleased and gratified that the Director thought enough of him to take him into his confidence and to rely upon him to handle such a delicate matter.

*[redacted]* insure that the Pope is not placed in an embarrassing position through any contact with King.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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Reference Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated August 21, 1964; and Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated August 27, 1964.

On September 15, 1964, [REDACTED] b7(D)  
 [REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland, was recontacted, with reference to records of registrations and long-distance calls for period August 20-25, 1964. He advised that same were being processed as rapidly as possible, and he would furnish this office desired information at earliest practicable date.

Baltimore will upon receipt of the information set out appropriate leads.

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  - { 1 - 100-106670 } (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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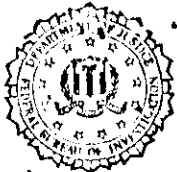
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
September 10, 1964

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 8, 1964, that Thomas Kahn and Bayard Rustin were in contact on that date. Rustin informed him that he (Rustin), Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) and Wilkins (Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the National Advancement for Colored People, NAACP) have been invited by the National Council of Churches to attend a conference on Thursday, September 10, 1964, in New York City. The conference, Rustin said, will be for the purpose of allowing them (Rustin, King and Wilkins) to evaluate the work of the Freedom Democratic Party. *X*

Rustin also informed Kahn that he had been invited by the National Council of Churches to accompany Doctor Eugene Carson Blake (Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church) to Cleveland, Ohio, on Thursday, September 17, 1964. Rustin said he would talk to church leaders while in Cleveland. Rustin said he thought that type of action was growing and was very important. *X*

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## Communist Influence in Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in January, 1961, that Thomas David Kahn admitted being a member of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) from 1957 to 1961 and a member of the National Executive Committee of the YPSL during the same period. For characterization of (YPSL), see attached characterization of Young Socialist League. In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11 - 18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for Young Communist League (YCL) and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. u

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page one, column two, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention, Communist Party of United States of America (CPUSA), February 9-12, 1957, held in New York City. u

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. u

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to whom Rustin was to speak. *RU*

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, Column four, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. *U*

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YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL. u

A confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. SITEMAN, "Chairman of SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee," had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce," a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL." He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes. u

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows: u

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL. u

All confidential sources mentioned herein have furnished reliable information in the past. u

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YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL) CONT'D.

The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members. U

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League." U

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation. U

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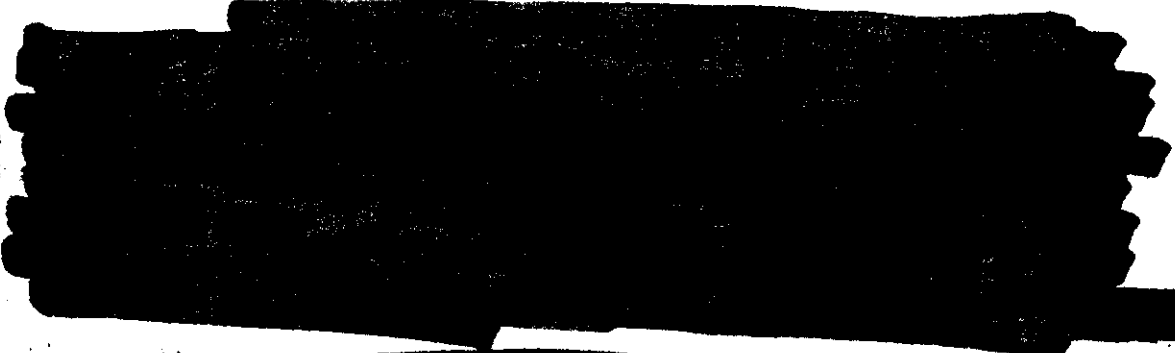
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**NOTE:** See memo Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan 8/31/64 captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - Communist," SFP:kmj. Classified "~~Top Secret~~" because it contains information from our most sensitive sources in the communist field, as well as the specific facets relating to communist influence in racial matters. The revelation of the identities of these sources, who are of continuing value, might well do irreparable damage to the defense interests of the Nation.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WC 8/31/64*

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE: August 31, 1964

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan *S-P Bly*
- 1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
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Martin Luther King, Jr., is to be in West Berlin, Germany, for the opening of that city's cultural festival 9/13/64. We have just obtained details of his itinerary for travel abroad which reveals that he will leave the United States either 9/11 or 12/64 and not return until 9/22/64. Included in his itinerary is a visit to Rome, Italy. He is to go there from Madrid, Spain, 9/18/64, and remain in Rome until the morning of 9/20/64 when he will go to London, England.

We have not as yet obtained any information indicating the purpose of his visit to Rome, but it is entirely likely that he may seek and be given an audience with the Pope. This likelihood is clearly evident when one considers that King is receiving more and more acclaim as a leader of the Negro people in this country, plus the fact that he is a clergyman. Further, King we know is being considered for the Nobel Peace Prize and his receiving an audience with the Pope would likely receive considerable publicity, especially in Europe, further enhancing his chances for the Prize.

It would be shocking indeed for such an unscrupulous character as King to receive an audience with the Pope. It is believed that if a plan to see the Pope is in the making, it ought to be nipped in the bud. We have considered different possibilities for meeting this problem and believe that the best one would be to have Assistant Director Malone of the New York Office personally contact [redacted] and on a highly confidential basis [redacted]

[redacted] (1) the fact that King is to visit Rome and the likelihood of his receiving an audience with the Pope and (2) the unsavory nature of King's character, both from a subversive and [redacted] Malone should be able to impress upon [redacted] the likely embarrassment that may result to the Pope should he grant King an audience and King is later discredited. In this light it would hardly even be necessary for Malone to "suggest" what [redacted] should do to forestall any possible audience. Malone should stress the highly confidential nature of this matter with [redacted] and insure that the Bureau is in no

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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way associated with any action taken by ██████████  
Malone should also obtain from ██████████ a commitment that he  
will be able to block any attempt by King to gain an audience with  
the Pope. If ██████████ is not able to give such an assurance,  
we must immediately know this so that we may explore some other avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, Assistant Director Malone should personally  
orally brief ██████████ in accordance with the attached  
"Top Secret" summary indicating King's communist connections and  
██████████ (This is the same summary we previously used  
in preventing King's receiving an honorary degree from Marquette  
University.) The attached summary should also be used for telephon-  
ically briefing Malone. This matter should receive most expeditious  
handling because of the time element involved.

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ReATairtel 9/4/64, copies to New York, captioned "CIRM; Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C" and enclosed letter-head memorandum of same date.

It was reported that Martin Luther King, Jr., and some of his associates are in the process of preparing an article which is to be submitted to "The Saturday Evening Post" for possible publication. While it is indicated that the article will deal with certain matters such as the Poverty Bill, elections, riots and the so-called "backlash" there is no definite indication as to the line which the article will follow or the stands which King will take in the article. It is King's intention to have the article published before the forthcoming national elections.

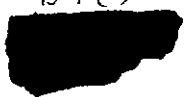
Receiving offices should be extremely alert to obtain all available information concerning the article in question and specifically what its contents will be. Keep the Bureau promptly advised so that interested Government agencies and officials may be apprised.

It is noted that King is considering having a meeting with some of his advisors in New York City, 9/22/64 concerning the article. New York should consider necessary coverage for the purpose of identifying the persons with whom King will meet. Be alert to information which will be available through your established sensitive sources just subsequent to such meeting as the sources are likely to divulge contents of the article.

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Letter to Atlanta

RE: CIRM  
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NOTE:

We are disseminating the information contained in the letterhead memorandum to the Department, Secret Service, and military intelligence agencies. As soon as we are able to obtain any definite information as to what line King intends to take in his article we will furnish such information to the White House.

RE:

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